

Meeting opened at 11:00am on 22/04/2022

CONFIRMED MINUTES

A. Attendance

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proxy</u>
President	Ishka De Silva	
Treasurer:	Sean Hanna	
Secretary:	Joshua Strauss	
Education (Public Affairs):	Alex Bourikas	
Education (Academic Affairs):	Marko Moutafis	
Activities:	Zoe Kral	
CLA:	Jack Barry	
Welfare:	Demitri Kaminis	Stuart Gibson
Indigenous:		
Environment & Social Justice:	Seb Schultz	
Women's:	Aayushi Shah	
Queer:	Amber Hodgson	
Disabilities & Carers:	Lyndelle Chan	Kate Patten
People of Colour:	Ananya Gupta	Absent
Res Community Department:	Mahzarin Katrak	
MUISS:	Jesslyn Soegiharto	
MAPS:	Millie Page	
Clubs & Societies:	Matthew Chipman	
Radio Monash:	Gabby Mountjoy	Absent
General Representative:	Giorgia Giannakopoulos	
General Representative:	Paris Enten	
General Representative:	Arjun Girish	Isabelle de La-Masse Homsy
General Representative:	Gavin Douch	
General Representative:	Aimee Boston	

B. Acknowledgment of traditional owners of land

This MSC acknowledges and pays respect to the people of the Kulin nations as the original and ongoing owners and custodians of this land. MSA commits itself to actively fight alongside Indigenous peoples for reconciliation and justice for all Indigenous Australians.

C. Confirmation of Agenda Order

Confirmed

D. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion #1:
 That this MSC confirms the [minutes of the MSC 3/22](#) to be true and accurate recording of proceedings.
Moved: Paris Enten **Seconded:** Matthew Chipman
For: 20
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Office Bearer and Divisional Reports

Education (Academic Affairs)
Education (Public Affairs)
Welfare
Environment and Social
Justice
Queer
Disabilities and Carers
People of Colour
Womens
Residential Community

Motion #2:
 This MSC accepts all submitted office-bearer and divisional reports en bloc.
Moved: Aayushi Shah **Seconded:** Jack Barry
For: 20

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Marko welcomed the Academic Affairs committee nominees present and absent to the committee. Marko expressed his excitement for work to continue, and that Liz and Marko are currently trying to find nominees for the missing positions.

F. Motion to adopt the Academic Affairs Committee

Preamble: In accordance with s14.3 of MSA Committee regulations, the members of the Academic Affairs Committee are to be appointed by MSC. Education (Academic Affairs) Office Bearers have consulted with students and with faculties' representative societies. The adoption of the committee has unfortunately been delayed until this MSC.

In accordance with s14.4 of MSA Committee Regulations, if a role within the committee has not been filled by a student, the adoption and the work of the Academic Affairs Committee shall proceed with positions remaining vacant until such a time that a representative can be found.

Motion #3:

This MSC accepts the appointment of the following nominees for the Academic Affairs Committee for 2022:

Faculty of Arts (Except School of Music):	Eloisa Moses-McMahon
School of Music:	Daniel Parr
Monash Business School:	x
Faculty of Education:	Myles Kelemen
Faculty of Engineering:	Ava Bennett
Faculty of Information Technology:	Leo Whitehead
Faculty of Law:	Tash Tian
	Lachy McNeary
Faculty of Science:	x
School of Medicine:	Bhuvan Gupta
School of Biomedical Science:	Linh Nguyen
	Tahlia Jackson
Department of Nutrition and Dietetics:	Michael Chegorian
MUISS:	Sadman Arafat

Moved: Marko Moutafis **Seconded:** Joshua Strauss

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

G. Audit

Motion #4:

This MSC moves to accept the [MSA financial statement](#).

Moved: Sean Hanna **Seconded:** Gavin Douch

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Jesslyn arrives at 11:07am.

Motion #5:

This MSC moves to hold an AGM on Friday 20th of May 2022.

Moved: Joshua Strauss **Seconded:** Giorgia Giannakopoulos

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joshua explained that MSA AGM is different to a club AGM, and that MSA AGM will take place on 20th May at 11.00am. Joshua said he would send an email invitation and notice out to all applicable members shortly.

H. Motion regarding MSA Cultural Festival

Preamble: MSA People of Colour and Activities Departments successfully ran MSA Cultural Festival from the 12th to the 14th of April. The event was ran in collaboration with clubs, including: Singapore Association of Monash, Monash Association of Pacific Students, Monash University New Zealand Students' Association, Monash Indonesian Club, Filipino Association of Monash, Monash Vegan Society, Monash Islamic Society, Spanish and Latin American Club, Monash Jewish Students Society, Monash University Italian Club, Monash Hellenic Students' Society, Monash French Society, Monash African Society, Vietnamese Students' Association, Monash Indian Cultural Society, Monash University Sri Lankan Club, Australia-China Youth Association, Monash Japanese Club.

Motion #6:

This MSC moves to congratulate MSA Activities and People of Colour Departments for the success of MSA Cultural Festival.

Moved: Sean Hanna **Seconded:** Zoe Kral

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Sean said he was moving this motion in Ananya's place. He expressed congratulations for all parties involved.

Ishka deferred the chair to Sean and thanked everyone involved, particularly Ananya, Linh, Zoe, Chayli and Matt.

Ishka took back the chair.

I. Motion regarding the crisis in Sri Lanka

Preamble: The economic crisis in Sri Lanka has left its citizens struggling, with few imports arriving into the country and basic services unaffordable. Retailers cannot afford to stock their produce whilst many consumers cannot afford to purchase even the most basic of amenities - fuel, food and housing. Now left with massive debts and soaring inflation, power has been cut and services such as hospitals and schools have closed.

Monash University is host to a significantly large community of Sri Lankan students, many of whom have expressed growing concerns about the safety of their families and their financial security. It is important that Monash Student Association, as the peak representative body for students on campus, stands in solidarity with Sri Lankan students.

Motion #7:

This MSC moves to:

-Stand in solidarity with Sri Lankan students amidst this crisis

-Endorse MSA's requests to the university for an extension of fee deadlines or flexible payment plans for university and MRS fees for students impacted by this crisis

Moved: Sean Hanna **Seconded:** Joshua Strauss

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Sean expressed the importance of solidarity and endorsing students' requests.

Ishka deferred the chair to Sean. Ishka detailed that as someone with family in Sri Lanka, the crisis has been saddening. Having spoken to both domestic and international Sri Lankan

students, Ishka commented that it is particularly important that Monash University acknowledges the hardship students are facing and provides flexible payment plans and deadlines.

Ishka took back the chair.

J. General Business

Meeting Closed at 11:14am